

THE HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE

R.J. woke up early that Saturday morning in June. He was eager for the day [to/ an/ of] start. He and his family had [in/ so/ a] special day planned. This was the [and/ lit/ day] of the Hot Air Balloon Race [at/ is/ I] the park. The Balloon Race would [have/ don't/ some] more than thirty hot air balloons [you/ in/ my] it. R.J. had often seen those [the/ big/ pin], colored balloons floating in the sky. R.J. [brother/ baskets/ thought] the people who flew them were [the/ our/ mat] luckiest people in the world.

This [and/ was/ mom] the third Hot Air Balloon Race R.J. [red/ car/ and] his family had seen. The past [two/ hat/ use] years, R.J., his mom and dad, [you/ fan/ and] his little sister, Angela, had gone [to/ a/ it] the park and spent the day watching [the/ had/ go] balloons. R.J. always spent the day [thought/ wishing/ friend] and hoping that he could go [we/ up/ is] in one of those balloons.

R.J. [yellow/ tables/ thought] all this past year about how [is/ do/ he] could get a ride in a [and/ hot/ on] air balloon. He thought about sneaking [have/ into/ said] one when no one was looking. [But/ Pet/ Hid] he knew that if he did [word/ that/ name], his mom and dad would ground [two/ him/ and] for at least a year. He [filling/ student/ thought] about buying a ride in one. [Lot/ His/ Out] mom had told him it would [this/ cost/ dad] about fifty dollars for a ride [in/ so/ did] a hot air balloon. R.J. didn't [ears/ tree/ have]

3.9 that much money.

As the family [hasn't/ drove/ worth] to the park, they listened to [pull/ the/ was] radio. There was a man on [rid/ use/ the] radio telling people how to get [I/ to/ he] the park. He also said that [knew/ hand/ free] hot air balloon rides would be [think/ given/ paper] away that day. When R.J. heard [blue/ ship/ that], he got very excited. He said, "Oh, [boy/ was/ toe]! I'm going to win one of [would/ those/ rooms] free rides." His mom and dad [other/ tried/ trash] to explain that it would be [cans/ throw/ very] hard to win a free ride [and/ met/ too] not to get his hopes up.

[On/ If/ As] soon as they got to the [park/ took/ glad], R.J. went to sign up for [say/ the/ arm] free rides. The winners would be [could/ called/ pencil] at noon. R.J. was so excited [your/ help/ that] he didn't think he could wait [your/ that/ chin] long. At last, it was noon. [A/ Is/ On] man started to call out the [want/ names/ when] of the winners. R.J.'s name was [and/ the/ if] first one called! His mom and [dad/ leg/ the] were very surprised. But not R.J. [Is/ An/ He] had known his name would be [trips/ called/ ground].

R.J. finally got to ride in the [hot/ for/ dog] air balloon. He found it was [park/ girl/ more] wonderful that he had hoped for!